

MORNING APPEAL.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1889

VINDICATION OF DAVID.

For some weeks past King David, the ancient writer of lyric verse, and harpist, has been on trial for various high crimes alleged to have been committed during his term of office some thousands of years ago. He is charged in the indictment of murder and adultery. Dr. Platt of Grace Church, Episcopalian, and formerly a professional lawyer, is acting as counsel for the defense. It was supposed at first that Mr. Platt would plead the statutes of limitation; but seeming to do this, he simply secured a change of venue to San Francisco, a locality where the crimes charged in the complaint are always considered in a charitable light. Mr. Platt makes no attempt whatever to deny the charges. He admits that the scandalous affair with Uriah's wife was hardly the correct thing, but considering the beautiful poems he gave the world the matter should not be too harshly judged by people who might fall under the same circumstances. Byron's poems might be put forth as a palliation for his amative proclivities on the same ground. Having led more women astray than David, he doubtless felt obligated to pen more poetry in consequence, and did it in the best of style. The eloquent counsel for the defense, remarks in the course of his speech: "It is true that he had what is called an affinity for Uriah's wife and debauched her; but in counsel's opinion there are very few saints now, or ever has been who could see a beautiful woman so near them and not be similarly affected. It was a human weakness, and there are no other apologies or defense to make for it. But that one act of weakness and wrong was not a fair sample of David's general character, which was good." Many learned divines are of the opinion that no man can be wholly good and pure and amount to very much; his character is negative, and while never actually committing any sin, he is equally backward about relieving the sick and the needy, and there are no strong traits in his character which in the slightest degree challenge our admiration. The time was when the clergy hurled the anathemas of the Church against all who sinned in the least degree, and consigned the morally weak to the unquenchable fires of a perpetual damnation. Now the Church goes so far as to admit that a beautiful woman is a temptation which even the most godly can not at all times ignore, and no doubt the time will come when orthodox preachers will agree that the utterance of a good round burst of profanity when a stranger sits down and mashes a new \$10 silk hat is a pardonable weakness, not to be hastily condemned.

SHERMAN'S FINANCIAL METHODS.

In a recent letter to the San Francisco Chronicle, George Gorham exposes some of the peculiar financial methods of Secretary Sherman. It appears that Sherman has been using the First National Bank of New York as an outlet for Government 4 per cents. Three years ago this bank was a small affair in New York, of obscure and uncertain credit, and it suddenly blows out under the fostering care of Secretary Sherman into a financial institution swinging as high as \$150,000,000 of government bonds on one transaction. Sherman gave the bank these bonds at par when they were selling at 2 per cent premium in the London market. The bank is run by three young men who have in some way succeeded in getting the Secretary of the United States Treasury under complete control. The amount of United States bonds which have passed through the hands of this bank amount to \$523,033,000. They took them of Sherman at par, sold them at 2 per cent premium in London, and settled with the Government as fast as they got returns from abroad. Congressman Wood denounced the connection of Sherman with the bank in a speech in which he said:

There is no instance in the history of this or any other Government where anything like this is known to have ever occurred. Neither the Bank of England nor the Rothschilds have held relations with either or all of the Governments of Europe which they had the privilege and consequent profits of negotiating so large an amount of Government bonds within the same time. It is said that any other bank could have done the same, as the opportunity was open to all. This excuse is too puerile to deceive any one. It is impossible that any other bank could have undertaken such immense transactions, however large its capital, without possessing some unusual and peculiar opportunities.

Hardly a week passes but that some act of Secretary Sherman shows him to be a trickster and schemer of the worst sort, who is using his high office to further the designs of his friends or himself. Hayes has already notified him that his method of using his office to further political designs and work up Presidential booms, is obnoxious, and the probabilities are that his resignation will soon be in order.

It is asserted that there are 550 tons of silver in the Treasury at Washington. It has accumulated there simply because John Sherman, being the tool of the gold bugs, has taken no pains to circulate it among the people.

MISCELLANEOUS.

They have built a house wholly of ice in Moscow. Two architects and 300 workmen have been employed in its construction.

The St. Gothard tunnel, the longest in the world, was completed last Sunday. It opens communication between Italy and Switzerland.

There are no cats in Greenland, but they have a native dog that can howl a hole in the side of an iceberg, so the natives don't miss the cats.

Leap Year. She—Are you engaged for the German? He—eagerly—No, I'm not. She—with pity—Oh! that's too bad! Good evening. See you later.

The people of Iowa are to vote this year on the question of striking the word "white" from that section of their Constitution prescribing the qualifications of Legislators.

James F. Graham, an agent of the Central Pacific at Ogden, tried on a charge of embezzling from that company, was found guilty, and has been sentenced to three years in the Utah penitentiary.

At Logan, Utah, recently, a lumberer's cheese factory was struck by lightning, and all the people moved out of town. The lightning flash also skunked away with its tail between its legs as if ashamed of itself.—Oil City Derrick.

The charities of life are scattered everywhere, enameled the vales of human beings as the flowers paint the meadows. They are not the fruit of study, nor the privilege of refinement, but a natural instinct.—George Bancroft.

In the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland, the ground is frozen so hard that before a grave can be dug great fires have to be made in the churchyards, and in some instances, when the fires proved unavailing, they have resorted to dynamite.

A widow, who lives in a secluded part of Michigan, talks very imperfectly by reason of having lost her palate, and her two daughters aged eight and twelve years, can speak only the strange language that they have learned from her.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Mrs. Hypolite Belloc, wife of Hypolite Belloc, of the firm of Belloc Freres, bankers, committed suicide on Friday in the old Mission cemetery by taking poison. Domestic troubles are supposed to be the cause.

The Reno Journal says: There is at the present time considerable of a panic in Central Pacific Railroad circles, in view of the fact that within the past few days thirteen conductors, who have been running express and freight trains, have been laid off, some of them for good and others for from thirty to ninety days.

A MERIDEN, Connecticut man has invented a mechanical watch-dog for the protection of buildings. A small lamp illuminates the eyes, and, by a simple arrangement, the tail pumps a quantity of compressed air into a cylinder, which is concealed in the body of the animal. The air escapes slowly through the dog's vicious looking teeth in such a manner that when the animal is placed on the front porch and duly "touched off" it grows all night in a most alarming manner. A boarding-house keeper in Meriden experimented with the inventor's working model and "set" the automatic guardian inside her front gate at the hour when churchyards yawn. The next day it was discovered that out of eighteen of her boarders who had latchkeys sixteen slept at a hotel that night except one inebriated sixth-floorer who indignantly smashed the model with a brick at 4:30 A. M.

GANNON'S SENTENCE.—In the San Francisco Police Court yesterday morning agitator Gannon was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$1,000. A motion for a new trial was made, but was denied by the Police Judge, and in default of \$3,000 bail, pending an appeal, Gannon was sent to the House of Correction. There are rumors that further arrests are to be made. This pretty clearly indicates that the authorities are determined at last to lay the strong hand of the law upon the throat of Kearneyism. So long as men have actual wrongs to redress they have the right to speak, but when they threaten the lives of citizens and breathe the menace of incendiarism and murder, they must look to themselves. If the authorities propose to deal with this question they must handle the issue without gloves.

IMMEDIATELY ELECTED.—Once upon a time the mule, without having received an invitation, attended a convention of animals that was called for the purpose of discussing the best methods of family government. "What do you know about all this?" asked the President, tauntingly; "have you ever raised any children?" The mule wept, "Ah, no," she said; "I have never raised anything but full-grown men; but land of the pilgrim! you should see me raise a man that weighs as much as David Davis." Upon a rising vote the mule was immediately elected Financial Secretary, with power to send for persons and papers.

Washington "society" is said to be on the eve of a deluge of scandal. A vile procuress has been placed in the Treasury Department, where hundreds of young ladies are employed. This woman entices her victims into back rooms, where they are drugged and ruined by Senators. The matter is being thoroughly investigated. The Hill scandal is reported as but the first ripple of the flood soon to follow.

DORIS.

The following, from the pen of A. J. Mundy, an obscure and little read English poet, is one of the most peculiar examples of complicated versification in the language. The rhyme of the last word of the first and third lines with words in the middle of the second and fourth, is something never attempted by any other verse writer.

I sat with Doris, the shepherd maiden;
Her crook was laden with wreathed flowers.
I sat and wooed her through sunlight wheeling,
And shadows stealing, for hours and hours.

And she, my Doris, whose lap enclosed
Wild summer roses with rare perfume,
The while I sued her, kept hushed and darkened,
Till shades had harkened from gloom to gloom.

She touched my shoulder with fearful finger,
She said: "We linger; we must not stay;
My flock is in danger, my sheep will wander,
Behold them yonder—how far they stray!"

I answered bolder: "Nay, let me hear you,
And still be near you and still adore;
No wolf nor stranger will touch one yearling;
Ah! stay, my darling, a moment more!"

She whispered, sighing: "There will be sorrow
Beyond to-morrow, if I lose to-day,
My flock unguarded, my flock unguided,
I shall be scolded and sent away!"

Said I, replying: "If they do misdo you,
They ought to kiss you, when you get home;
And well rewarded by friend and neighbor
Should be the labor from which you come."

"They might remember," she answered meekly,
"That lambs are weakly, and sheep are wild;
But if they love me it's no secret—fervent;
I am but a servant, and not a child."

Then each hot ember glowed quick within me,
And love did win me to swift reply:
"Ah! do but prove me and none shall bind you,
Nor fray, nor find you until I die."

She blushed and started, and stood waiting
As if debating in dreams divine;
But I did brave them—I told her plainly
She doubted vainly; she must be mine.

So we twin-hearted, from all the valley
Did chase and rattle the hobbling ewes,
And homeward drove them, we two together,
Through blooming heather and gleaming dews.

That simple duty each grace did lend her—
My Doris tender, my Doris true—
That I, her warrior, did always bless her,
And often press her to take her due.

And now in beauty she fills my dwelling—
With love exceeding and undimmed;
And love doth guard her both fast and fervent—
No more a servant, nor yet a child.

THE San Francisco money market is reported by the Bulletin to be ample, and rates easy. The season is not favorable to activity, and there have been disturbing elements which have rendered the stagnation all the more pronounced. But there are some indications that a favorable change is not impossible or remote. It is believed that we will soon have an era of healthful prosperity.

Bishop Simpson says that the four great Powers of the earth are the United States, Great Britain, Germany and Russia, for the reason that Jesus Christ is recognized as an authority in their jurisprudence, their legislation, their education and their social and domestic organization.

HATMAN, the man who attempted to assassinate the Czar is coming to this country. If he comes to Carson to lecture he will have a packed house.

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